Bills of States pending assent by the President

499. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of State Bills pending assent of the President of India at the beginning of January, 1990, and also at present;

(b) the main reasons for accumulation thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken to clear the back-log?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) On 1.1.90, 80 State Bills were pending. The number of pending Bills on 27-12-90 is 70. Out of these 40 Bills are held up for want of clarifications from the concerned State Governments and the remaining 30 Bills are under examination in the concerned administrative Ministries/Departments of the Government of India.

(c) The State Governments and the Central Ministries/Departments are reminded constantly. Dicussions are also held to expedite the clearance of the Bills.

Administrative Approval for financial assistance from 'Salt Cess Fund'

500. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHAKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a lot of delay takes place in giving Administrative Approval to the schemes which are executed with Financial assistance from 'Salt Cess Fund';

(b) what is the number of meetings of the Gujarat Regional Salt Advisory Board and the Central Salt Advisory Board held during 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 and what was the total number of schemes senctioned during each year and the amounts sanctioned, separately; and

(c) whether Government are considering decentralizing power in order to expedite the sanctioning of such schemes and their speedy implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) A statement is attached.

Statement

The details regarding number of meetings of the Gujarat Regional Advisory Board and Central Advisory Board for Salt, the number of schemes and amounts sanctioned are indicated below:

	1987	1988	1989	1990
(1) Number of meetings of Gujarat Regional Advisory Board for Salt.	1	..	2	1
(2) Number of meetings of Central Advisory Board for Salt.	1	1	1	..
(3) Total number of schemes sanctioned	5	5	63	..
			(Rs. in lakhs)	
(4) Amount sanctioned from salt cess proceeds.	10.60	44.47	33.12	..

Government has already delegated more powers in August, 1990 to the Regional Salt officers to expedite the sanction of schemes for speedy implementation.

CBI recommendations for appeal against session court in Syed Modi case

501. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) what is the normal time gap between a CBI recommendation for revision appeal from the prosecution and clearance of the same by the Department of Personnel;

(b) whether it is a fact that the CBI has sought permission from Government to prefer an appeal against the judgement of Session Court in Syed Modi Murder case;

(c) if so, when the CBI recommendation for appeal in Syed Modi murder case was received in the Department of Personnel;

(d) what are the grounds cited by the CBI in favour of the appeal in the said case; and

(e) what is the response of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) The proposals for filing of revision/appeal against Lower Court judgements received from the CBI are examined expeditiously in the Department of Personnel and Training and in consultation with the Ministry of Law (Department of Legal Affairs), wherever necessary, and Government's orders are conveyed to CBI. The time taken in processing each case varies, depending upon the nature of the case and the complexity of the legal issues involved.

(b) Yes, Sir.

The CBI had proposed filing of a revision petition, against the judgement of Session Court in this case.

(c) The proposal of the CBI for filing of revision against the judgement of Sessions Court in Syed Modi murder case was received in the Development of Personnel and Training on 23-10-90.

(d) CBI had proposed filing of revision petition on the grounds that the discharge order dt. 17.9.90 was bad in law.

(e) The Government have agreed with the proposal of the CBI.

Rights of child

502. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether the then Prime Minister had assured a delegation of the South Asian Coalition on Children in Servitude that Government would ensure all rights of the child as enshrined in the constitution with immediate effect as reported in th 'Times of India' of the 10th September, 1990; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN): (a) A delegation of the South Asian Coalition on Children in Servitude met the then Prime Minister who told the delegation that the issues mentioned in the Memorandum would be looked into.

(b) The Memorandum pertains mainly to child labour. The Government has announced the National Policy on Child Labour in August, 1987, which *inter-alia* provides for taking up projects in areas of child labour concentration. The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 has been enacted to tackle the problem. Child Labour is also prohibited under the Factories Act, 1948, Mines Act, 1952, Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1958, Motor Transport Workers Act, 1961, Apprentices Act, 1961, Beedi and Cigar Workers (conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 and Shops and Commercial Establishments Acts enacted by State Governments.